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6.2.8 Characteristics of New Commercial Distributed Generating Technologies, by Plant Type

	Efficiency (HHV)		2006 Installed Capital Costs of Typical DG Technologies			Service
		Electrical	Price	Size	Cost	Life
New Plant Type	Electrical	+ Thermal	(\$2006 per kW)	(kW)	(\$2006 thousand)	(years)
Solar Photovoltaic	0.16	N.A.	6,547	25	164	30
Fuel Cell	0.36	0.72	5,674	200	1,135	20
Natural Gas Engine	0.32	0.77	1,233	200	247	20
Oil-Fired Engine	0.31	0.82	1,353	200	271	20
Natural Gas Turbine	0.23	0.66	1,974	1000	1,974	20
Natural Gas Microturbine	0.30	0.63	1,768	200	354	20

Source(s): Discovery Insights, Final Report: Commercial and Industrial CHP Technology Cost and Performance Data Analysis for EIA's NEMS, Jan. 2006, Table 7, p. 12; and EIA, Annual Energy Review 2007, July 2008, Appendix D, p. 373.